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Applicant: Darrow et al. Atty Docket: ORT-1568

Serial No.: 10/042,091 Art Unit: 1652

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For: DNA Encoding The Human Serine Protease EOS

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Introductory Remarks

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003, in the above-identified application. A petition and the fee for a three-month extension of time accompany this response. In the event the enclosed payment is insufficient or any other fees not accounted for herewith are required for the filing of this Amendment, please charge all necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks.